

## **ABSTRACT**

An umbrella actuator for extending and folding an umbrella includes a runner slidable on a vertical rod to drive an umbrella frame to move, an anchor element fixedly  
5 mounted on the vertical rod for latching the runner, and a coupling device attached to the runner including an annular ring which may be moved to anchor the runner on the vertical rod at an action position or be released thereby to achieve a safer and more reliable operation.